

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the election requirement in the Office Action dated September 19, 2005, for which one month was allotted for reply. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Preliminary Amendment

A preliminary amendment presenting a substitute specification was filed on January 3, 2003. An acknowledgement that that paper is entered and forms the basis for this election is respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction

In response to the pending Action requiring an election of invention, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, respectfully provisionally elects with traverse the invention of Group I, Claims 1-24, and 35-46 as drawn to an authentication system made up by a portable terminal and an authentication device, classified in class 713, subclass 193 (Electrical Computers and Digital Processing Systems: Data Processing Protection Using Cryptography: By Stored Data Protection). Group II claims 25-34 are retained as withdrawn and may be subject to rejoinder under MPEP 821.04, or submission in one or more divisional applications as of right.

This requirement is respectfully traversed, solely to preserve the Applicant's rights to provide linking claims and/or combination claims commensurate with the elected claims, or to permit rejoinder when appropriate upon the allowance of any of the elected claim.

Information Disclosure Statement

An IDS was filed on June 13, 2002. Please consider and make of record the art

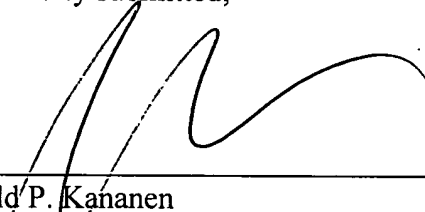
there cited in the initial examination of this application on its merits.

Conclusion

Early examination on the merits of the elected claims 1-24 and 35-46 are respectfully requested.

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